

**AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Method ~~The invention relates to a method to make a splice~~  
in a laid rope construction ~~comprising~~ containing at least two  
strands ~~includes splitting wherein: a) one end of the laid rope into a~~  
~~first part having a first rope end is split in a first and a second part~~  
~~comprising respectively a first and a second number of strands and~~  
~~a second part having a second number of strands, the first number~~  
~~of strands being at most one more than the second number of~~  
~~strands; b) then tucking the first part of the first rope from a first~~  
~~direction is tucked from one side into an opening in the laid a~~  
~~second rope, and thereafter tucking the second part into the~~  
~~opening from an opposite direction. The first and second parts are~~  
~~tucked at least such that the opening has a first number of strands~~  
~~of the second rope on one side and a second number of strands on~~  
~~the other side, where the first and second number differ at most by~~  
~~one; c) the second part is tucked from the other side into the~~  
~~opening in the second rope; and d) step b) and c) are repeated at~~  
~~least 3 times into additional respectively at least 3+1 times,~~  
~~whereby the respective openings being separated from one another~~  
~~such that the first part and the second part cross over at least once~~  
~~all the strands of the laid rope and leave the second rope at the last~~  
~~opening. in the second rope are separated such that the first and~~  
~~the second part have crossed over at least all the strands of the~~  
~~second rope once and the first and second part leave the second~~  
~~rope at respective last openings. The invention further relates to a~~

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~~spliced rope construction containing the new splice, like a rope with  
an eye, a grommet, a hawser, a round sling, or an endless rope.~~